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I believe that a dollar amount from Microsoft should be reached for the schools and let the teachers decide which computer systems (Microsoft or Apple) to use. It is imperative that money be provided to the "poor schools". These kids from low income families are falling further and further behind the rest of the nation relative to technology knowledge and many of these kids are intelligent and deserve an opportunity to compete at a higher level.

Although I am not an owner of Microsoft stock, I am the CEO of a company that spends over \$100,000 annually on software (most of which are Microsoft products) and hardware. I would not approve the purchase of any other office software other than Microsoft's. I believe the current settlement with the Justice department is satisfactory while nine (I think) States are trying to hinder Microsoft so that competitive companies in each State will have a better chance at survival. I think the Justice department should ban these States from further litigation against Microsoft. Let software companies compete against each other and the best products will win. This is the way our economy is setup to work!

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